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National Crop Insurance Programme
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the coverage of National Crop Insurance Programme (NCIP) in terms of farmers and area insured has been projected to the level of 50% by the terminal year 2016-17 of the Twelfth Plan, if so, the present status in this regard and also data of the coverage of lands and farmers under NCIP, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government is taking or planning to take additional measures to achieve the estimated target by the end of 12th Plan in those States where there is a huge gap between the target and the present status and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether private sector insurers are also allowed along with the Agriculture Insurance Corporation of India for the implementation of NCIP scheme and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a): Yes, Madam. The details of State-wise coverage in terms of farmers and area insured under NCIP and all ongoing crop insurance schemes during year 2014-15 is given in Annexure.

(b): Continued efforts are made to create awareness about crop insurance schemes by the extension division of implementing States in coordination with the insurance companies. The salient activities under awareness campaign, involve the publicity of features & benefits of the scheme through advertisements in leading National/local News Papers, telecast through audio-visual media, distribution of pamphlets, participation in agriculture fairs/mela/gosti and organization of workshops/trainings and SMS through Kisan Portal etc. State Governments/UTs are also being regularly persuaded to increase the coverage including notifying more crops under crop Insurance schemes. Recently, Chief Ministers of those States which did not opt till date or had opted but withdrew later on, have been requested to review the matter personally and issue necessary direction to implement the scheme for the benefits of the farmers.

(c): Yes Madam. Ten private General Insurance Companies have been empanelled alongwith Agriculture Insurance Company (AIC) of India Ltd for implementation of Modified National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (MNAIS) and Weather Based Crop Insurance Scheme (WBCIS) components scheme of NCIP.